

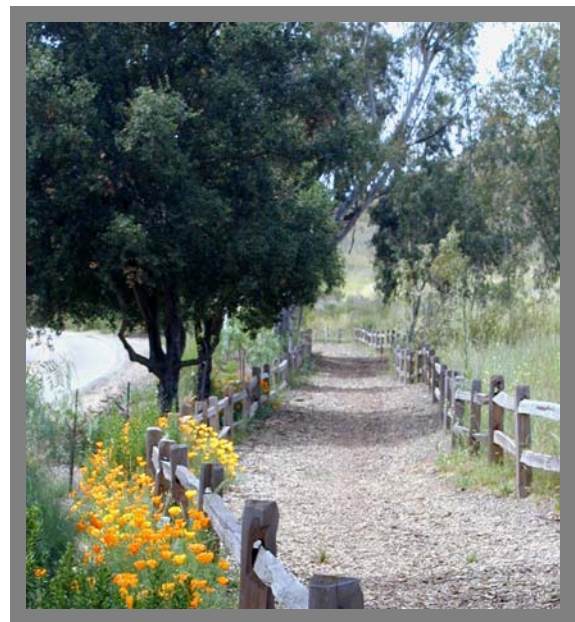
# North County Metro Harmony Grove–Eden Valley Community Trails and Pathways Plan

## *Trails: The Community Connection*

The Community Trails Master Plan will be utilized to develop a system of interconnected regional and community trails and pathways. These trails and pathways are intended to address an established public need for recreation and transportation, but will also provide health and quality of life benefits associated with hiking, biking, and horseback riding throughout the County’s biologically diverse environments.

Community trails serve a different function than regional trails, which are focused on the provision of long linear distances. Instead, community trails are “local public facilities” in close proximity to residents that provide transportation, recreation, access, infrastructure, linkages and safe routes throughout a community. The Community Trails Master Plan (CTMP) involves both trail development and management on public, semi-public and private lands. The CTMP has established two forms of non-motorized facilities called “Trails” and “Pathways” that provide passive

recreational, and alternative modes of transportation.



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*Community Trail near Elfin Forest*

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**Trails** are typically away from vehicular roads that are primarily recreational in nature but can also serve as an alternative mode of transportation. They are soft-surface facilities for single or multiple uses

by pedestrians, equestrians, and mountain bicyclists.

**Pathways** are a non-motorized transportation facility located within a parkway or road right of way. A riding and hiking trail located in the road right of way is considered a pathway. They are soft-surfaced facilities intended to serve both circulation and recreation purposes. Pathways help make critical connections and are an integral part of a functional trail system.

## COMMUNITY TRAIL STATEMENT

Eden Valley/Harmony Grove is a rural unincorporated area of San Diego County, with a strong sense of community. The residents have fought many battles to preserve their rural lifestyle and protect the fragile environment of this beautiful valley. The important characteristics of our valley include dark night skies, large animal keeping, rural environment, large equestrian properties, creeks, and an open design of the neighborhoods. Our hope is that our entire valley will be walkable along connecting multi-use (no motorized vehicles) trails and pathways.

Currently there are open fields and pathway trails throughout the area. However, development is beginning to happen and most of these important multi-use pathways are disappearing. In the planning of this rural area the residents have stressed the importance of connecting trails and pathways throughout the valley. These trails

would enhance the beauty of the area, encourage recreation, decrease dependence on automobiles, provide safe off road routes for residents and their children, and help preserve our rural large animal and horse keeping lifestyles.

## THE NEED FOR TRAILS

The community trail needs are based on an equation established by the Trails System Assessment (TSA) in 2001, which identified a minimum baseline level of service for each community by population. The Baseline Level of Service or Trail Need is 0.8 miles of trail per 1,000 people.

The “Trail Need” is the minimum length of trail miles (baseline level of service) for each Community and Subregional Plan Area. The TSA calculations for community trail needs are as follows:

- **Trail Need** = (Community Population /1,000 residents x 0.8 miles of trails)
- **2000 Trail Need** = (2000 population /1,000 residents x 0.8 miles of trails)
- **2020 Trail Need** = (2020 population /1,000 residents x 0.8 miles of trails)

**NOTE:** *Separate population statistics for Harmony Grove - Eden Valley have not been determined. Currently, Harmony Grove - Eden Valley is included in the North County Metro Planning area. Prior to final approval of the County Trails Program, a baseline level of*

*trails (mileage) will be determined for the Harmony Grove-Eden Valley area.*

For additional information about the baseline level of service and trail needs, please refer to the discussion under “**The Need for Trails**” and **Tables NT-1 and NT-2** in the CTMP.

## COUNTYWIDE TRAIL GOALS AND POLICIES

The “**Countywide Goals and Policies**” contained in the CTMP apply to all community and sub-regional plan areas. Community-specific goals and policies are intended to accommodate specific needs and they will be implemented when feasible.

The Harmony Grove-Eden Valley Community developed Community Specific Goals and Policies for their community trails plan. The abbreviations are as follows:

**SG = Community Specific Goal**  
**SP = Community Specific Policy**

### Policy: SP 1

The guidelines for individual trails should remain flexible, and allow for upgrading as new development increases the population and traffic in this area.

### Policy: SP 2

When a busy roadway occurs near a once rural trail, then the trail would need to be upgraded and improved.

### Policy: SP 3

Mature trees and landscape should be preserved where possible.

### Policy: SP 4

Pathways should have a clear, unobstructed line of sight to ensure visibility for entering and exiting driveways or roadways.

### Policy: SP 5

While assigning the trail type and designing the trail, ease of maintenance and safety should be the top priority.

Where Community-specific goals and policies are not addressed, the **Countywide Goals and Policies**” contained in CTMP shall apply.

## DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION GUIDELINES

The Harmony Grove-Eden Valley residents recommend using the County’s trail type guidelines.

- Trail Type A is recommended in intense volume areas.
- Trail Type B is recommended in the more rural areas.
- Trail Type C is recommended in the open undeveloped areas.
- Trail Type D, a “pathway”, is recommended along heavily traveled

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public roads, especially where safety is an issue.

Countywide trail guidelines in the Community Trails Master Plan apply to all community and sub-regional plan areas. Community-specific guidelines are intended to accommodate specific community needs and they will be implemented when feasible. Where Community specific guidelines are not addressed, the Countywide **“Design and Construction Guidelines”** contained in the CTMP shall apply.

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MAP SUMMARY**

As a result of the community trails outreach process for development of the CTMP, the Harmony Grove-Eden Valley Community completed several tasks, and prioritized community trails and pathways as well as their special features. Each trail and pathway was labeled and recorded producing a community trails map and index.

Proposed trails shown on trails maps contained in the Community Trail Master Plan depict corridors of general alignments. The term “general alignment” is used to describe the general location of a future trail within a designated corridor so that the specific alignment can be determined during the review and approval process when a discretionary application is submitted for a development permit for land that includes a trail corridor. The designated corridor is approximately one-quarter mile wide. A general alignment is useful because it allows the trail to be located to avoid extreme topographical conditions, sensitive habitat or other site-specific constraints.

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MAP INDEX**

The following community trails map index was completed by the Harmony Grove-Eden Valley Community and will be used as a reference tool.

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Trail #:  1	USGS Quad(s):  62	Name:	Trail Status: ( ) Existing ( ) Proposed	Trail Priority Criteria: Natural pathway possible between Groves (parcel #23201302) and existing parcels east of Groves (including parcel #232492010).	Special Features: Type C or B (In the case of a future large roadway - Type D, if it's a local access road – Type A).
		Connections:	Trail Type: ( ) Trail ( ) Pathway		
		Starting at Hill Valley Drive (3004), heads West to entrance of Groves. Travel South along Groves fence-line to West end of Eden Valley Lane.	Trail Priority: ( ) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3		
			Estimated Trail Length in Miles:		
Trail #:  2	USGS Quad(s):  62	Name:	Trail Status: ( ) Existing ( ) Proposed	Trail Priority Criteria:	Special Features: Trail Type C or B
		Connections:	Trail Type: ( ) Trail ( ) Pathway		
		Starting at West end of Eden Valley Lane (3067), head South/East across 10 acre lot to existing Romance Road and travel South to Mt Whitney. Connections: Trail #1 to #3.	Trail Priority: ( ) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3		
			Estimated Trail Length in Miles:		
Trail #:  3	USGS Quad(s):  62	Name:	Trail Status: ( ) Existing ( ) Proposed	Trail Priority Criteria:	Special Features: Trail Type B (most of this trail is along private property)
		Connections:	Trail Type: ( ) Trail ( ) Pathway		
		Mt. Whitney Road	Trail Priority: ( ) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3		
			Estimated Trail Length in Miles:		
Trail #:  4	USGS Quad(s):  62	Name:	Trail Status: ( ) Existing ( ) Proposed	Trail Priority Criteria:	Special Features: Trail Type B
		Connections:	Trail Type: ( ) Trail ( ) Pathway		
		Country Club Drive, South from Mt. Whitney Rd. (mostly along private property)	Trail Priority: ( ) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3		
			Estimated Trail Length in Miles:		
Trail #:  5	USGS Quad(s):  62	Name:	Trail Status: ( ) Existing ( ) Proposed	Trail Priority Criteria:	Special Features: Trail Type A (unless this becomes a private pathway).
		Connections:	Trail Type: ( ) Trail ( ) Pathway		
		North CC Drive Trail	Trail Priority: ( ) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3		
			Estimated Trail Length in Miles:		

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Trail #: 6	USGS Quad(s): 62	Name:  <u>Connections:</u> Connects Mt. Whitney to Wilgen Rd.	Trail Status: ( ) Existing ( ) Proposed	Trail Priority Criteria:	Special Features: Trail Type B
			Trail Type: ( ) Trail ( ) Pathway		
			Trail Priority: ( ) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3		
			Estimated Trail Length in Miles:		
Trail #: 7	USGS Quad(s): 62	Name:  <u>Connections:</u> Location: Near SDG&E Power line (NUW Development)	Trail Status: ( ) Existing ( ) Proposed	Trail Priority Criteria:	Special Features: Trail Type B
			Trail Type: ( ) Trail ( ) Pathway		
			Trail Priority: ( ) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3		
			Estimated Trail Length in Miles:		
Trail #: 8	USGS Quad(s): 62	Name:  <u>Connections:</u> Location: SDG&E Power line, connects to Kauana Loa	Trail Status: ( ) Existing ( ) Proposed	Trail Priority Criteria:	Special Features: Trail Type B
			Trail Type: ( ) Trail ( ) Pathway		
			Trail Priority: ( ) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3		
			Estimated Trail Length in Miles:		
Trail #: 9	USGS Quad(s): 62	Name:  <u>Connections:</u> Location: Along Country Club Drive to Harmony Grove Road	Trail Status: ( ) Existing ( ) Proposed	Trail Priority Criteria:	Special Features: Trail Type A or D (heavily traveled; winding roadway)
			Trail Type: ( ) Trail ( ) Pathway		
			Trail Priority: ( ) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3		
			Estimated Trail Length in Miles:		
Trail #: 10	USGS Quad(s): 62	Name:  <u>Connections:</u> Connects Harmony Grove to Del Dios and Lake Hodges	Trail Status: ( ) Existing ( ) Proposed	Trail Priority Criteria:	Special Features: Trail Type B
			Trail Type: ( ) Trail ( ) Pathway		
			Trail Priority: ( ) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3		
			Estimated Trail Length in Miles:		
Trail #: 11	USGS Quad(s): 62	Name:  <u>Connections:</u>	Trail Status: ( ) Existing ( ) Proposed	Trail Priority Criteria:	Special Features: Trail Type B along roads, C through hills
			Trail Type: ( ) Trail ( ) Pathway		
			Trail Priority: ( ) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3		
			Estimated Trail Length in Miles:		

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Trail #: 12	USGS Quad(s): 62	Name:  <u>Connections:</u> Location: Connects Wilgen Rd. to Harmony Grove Road	Trail Status: ( ) Existing ( ) Proposed	Trail Priority Criteria:	Special Features: Trail Type B
			Trail Type: ( ) Trail ( ) Pathway		
			Trail Priority: ( ) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3		
			Estimated Trail Length in Miles:		
Trail #: 13	USGS Quad(s): 62	Name:  <u>Connections:</u> Location: Connects Wilgen Rd. to Harmony Grove Road	Trail Status: ( ) Existing ( ) Proposed	Trail Priority Criteria:	Special Features: Trail Type B
			Trail Type: ( ) Trail ( ) Pathway		
			Trail Priority: ( ) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3		
			Estimated Trail Length in Miles:		
Trail #: 14	USGS Quad(s): 62	Name:  <u>Connections:</u> Along Escondido Creek	Trail Status: ( ) Existing ( ) Proposed	Trail Priority Criteria:	Special Features: Trail Type C
			Trail Type: ( ) Trail ( ) Pathway		
			Trail Priority: ( ) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3		
			Estimated Trail Length in Miles:		
Trail #: 15	USGS Quad(s): 62	Name:  <u>Connections:</u> Location: Start Wilgen Rd. at Harmony Grove Rd, head North and connect to trail #10	Trail Status: ( ) Existing ( ) Proposed	Trail Priority Criteria:	Special Features: Trail Type A
			Trail Type: ( ) Trail ( ) Pathway		
			Trail Priority: ( ) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3		
			Estimated Trail Length in Miles:		
Trail #: 16	USGS Quad(s): 62	Name:  <u>Connections:</u> Location: Along Harmony Grove Rd	Trail Status: ( ) Existing ( ) Proposed	Trail Priority Criteria:	Special Features: Trail Type A or D
			Trail Type: ( ) Trail ( ) Pathway		
			Trail Priority: ( ) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3		
			Estimated Trail Length in Miles:		
Trail #: 17	USGS Quad(s): 62	Name:  <u>Connections:</u>	Trail Status: ( ) Existing ( ) Proposed	Trail Priority Criteria:	Special Features:
			Trail Type: ( ) Trail ( ) Pathway		
			Trail Priority: ( ) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3		
			Estimated Trail Length in Miles:		

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Trail #:	USGS Quad(s):	Name:	Trail Status: ( ) Existing ( ) Proposed	Trail Priority Criteria:	Special Features: Trail Type A or D
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18	<u>Quad(s):</u> 62	<u>Connections:</u>	Trail Type: ( ) Trail ( ) Pathway Trail Priority: ( ) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3 Estimated Trail Length in Miles:		Trail Type A or D along main road, B if through hills.
<u>Trail #:</u> 19	<u>USGS Quad(s):</u> 62	<u>Name:</u>  <u>Connections:</u> Through Quarry	Trail Status: ( ) Existing ( ) Proposed Trail Type: ( ) Trail ( ) Pathway Trail Priority: ( ) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3 Estimated Trail Length in Miles:	<u>Trail Priority Criteria:</u>	<u>Special Features:</u>
<u>Trail #:</u> 20	<u>USGS Quad(s):</u> 62	<u>Name:</u>  <u>Connections:</u>	Trail Status: ( ) Existing ( ) Proposed Trail Type: ( ) Trail ( ) Pathway Trail Priority: ( ) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3 Estimated Trail Length in Miles:	<u>Trail Priority Criteria:</u>	<u>Special Features:</u>